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Sir:

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the following, which are listed on Form PTO-1449 (Exhibit 1). Copies of the disclosures listed below as items 1-4 are attached hereto as Exhibits 2-5, respectively.

- Goeddel, David V. et al., Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor-Associated Factors, International Publication No. WO 95/33051 (Exhibit 2);
- 2. Cheng, Genhong et al. (1995) Involvement of CRAF1, a Relative of TRAF, in CD40 Signaling, Science 267: 1494-1498 (Exhibit 3);
- 3. Hu, Hong Ming et al. (1994) A Novel RING Finger Protein Interacts with the Cytoplasmic Domain of CD40, J. Bio. Chem. 269: 30069-30072 (Exhibit 4);

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Interacts with the Cytoplasmic Domain of CD40, J. Bio. Chem. 269: 30069-30072 (Exhibit 4);

4. Mosialos, George et al. (1995) The Epstein-Barr Virus Transforming Protein LMP1 Engages Signaling Proteins for the Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor Family, Cell 80:389-399 (Exhibit 5);

Applicants maintain that none of those above-listed references citable as a reference against the subject application disclose or suggest the invention now being claimed.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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